

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 8-10, 24-26, and 36-41 are pending in this application, with Claims 8-10 and 24-26 being independent. Claims 1-7, 11-23, and 27-35 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 8-10 and 24-26 have been amended and new Claims 36-41 have been added. Applicants submit that support for the amendments can be found in the original disclosure at least, for example, in the discussion of the Fifth Embodiment beginning at page 43, line 6, and in corresponding Fig. 12. Therefore, Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to correct grammatical problems and to address the Examiner's comments. In particular, the Abstract and the Summary of the Invention have been amended in accordance with the elected claims, as those claims are presently amended.

Claims 8-11 and 24-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 8-11 and 24-27 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, the claims have been amended to conform the claim language more specifically to the language used in the specification. Applicant submits that the amended claims comply with all requirements of Section 112, and withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

Claims 26-27 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended Claim 26 to recite that the program is embodied in a computer-readable memory. Applicant submits that the term memory

precludes a communication channel, which the Examiner asserts is non-statutory.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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